

- Series: Going Home
- Part 5. Better by Far
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Part 5.

"Better by Far."

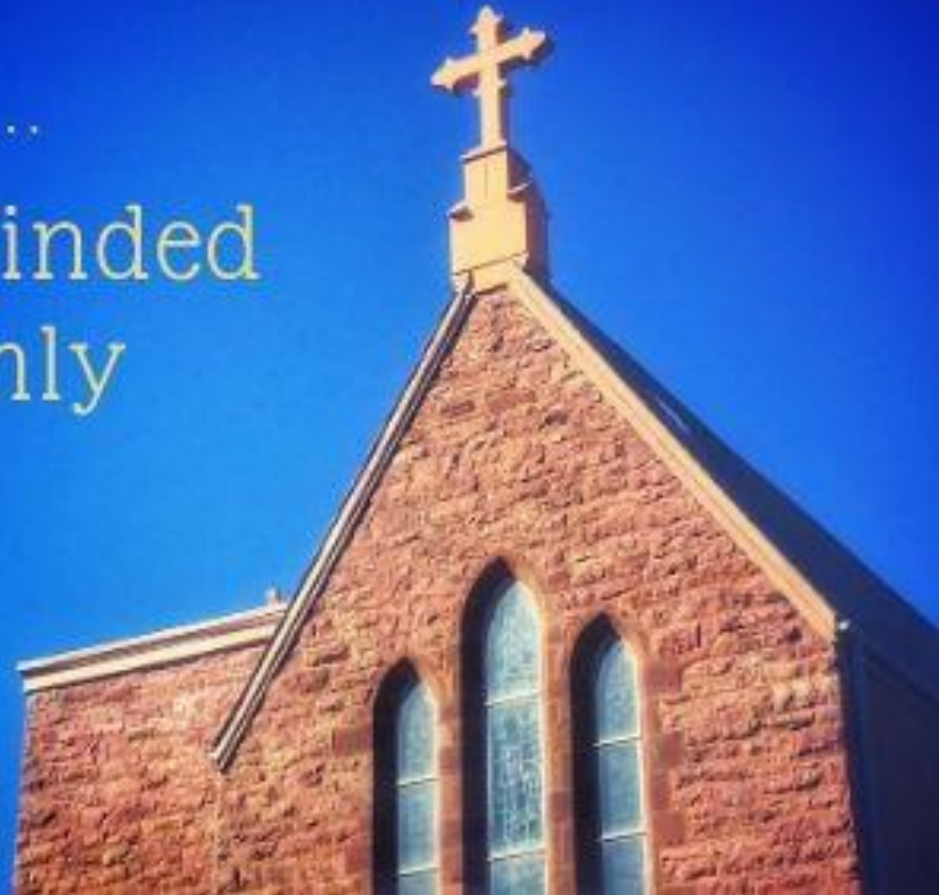
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— OR —
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CAN YOU BE...
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The Christian is...

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- Philippians 1:22-24—
- ²²But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which to choose.
²³ But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better; ²⁴ yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. (NASB95)

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2. The church must be taught

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3. Leadership must be raised up...

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- “For the equipping of the saints for the work of service” (Ephesians 4:12).

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- “Until we all attain to the unity of the faith...”
(Ephesians 4:13).

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- “And of the knowledge of the Son of God”
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- “To a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13).

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- The “Abundant Life” (Jn.10:10)

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- ⁸in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. (NASB95)

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Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him. (NASB95)

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There's a great Day Coming...



**Prepare
to meet
thy GOD**
Amos 4:12

- **Galatians 3:27—**

- **For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.** (NASB95)

